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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE AND USDEL

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SUBJECT: TALKING POINTS FOR THE SECRETARY'S QUADRIpartite
. BREAKFAST MEETING JUNE 14

WITH SUITABLE BACKGROUND BUREAU HAS PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING
TALKING POINTS FOR USE AT THE QUADRIpartite MINISTERIAL
BREAKFAST MEETING SCHEDULED FOR PARIS JUNE 14. SHOULD
YOU WISH TO ADD ADDITIONAL POINTS PLEASE CABLE THEM TO
PARIS SOONEST.

-- THE SITUATION IN ZAIRE IS VERY BLEAK; STABILIZING THE
SITUATION WILL REQUIRE SIGNIFICANT EFFORT BY ALL OF ZAIRE'S
FRIENDS.

-- WE ARE VERY CONCERNED THAT THERE BE NO FURTHER SLIPPAGE
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IN MAKING OUR JOINT DEMARCHE TO PRESIDENT MOBUTU CONCERNING
THE NECESSITY FOR REFORM. WE DEEM IT HIGHLY IMPORTANT THAT
THE BASIC REFORM SCENARIO BE PRESENTED TO MOBUTU PRIOR TO
EXTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS OF ZAIRE'S SHORT TERM ECONOMIC
ASSISTANCE NEEDS. IN SHORT, WE MUST TAKE ADVANTAGE OF
MOBUTU'S VULNERABILITY IN ORDER TO GAIN HIS IMMEDIATE

ACCEPTANCE, OR ELSE RISK LOSING THE OPPORTUNITY. TO THIS
END I BELIEVE THAT THURSDAY, JUNE 15 IS NOT TOO SOON TO
MAKE OUR APPROACH. I URGE YOUR APPROVAL FOR THIS DATE.

-- SINCE THE BELGIANS ARE NOT REPRESENTED HERE THIS MORNING,
WE SHOULD COMMUNICATE OUR RECOMMENDATION TO FOREIGN
MINISTER SIMONET FOR HIS CONCURRENCE.

-- WE MUST RECOGNIZE THAT THE ECONOMIC DISLOCATIONS CERTAIN
TO RESULT FROM THE ATTACK ON KOLWEZI COUPLED WITH THE
AUSTERE IMF PROGRAM WILL PUT A BURDEN ON ZAIRE'S ECONOMY
THAT IT CANNOT BEAR ALONE. WE NEED TO FIND WAYS, THERE-
FORE, TO LIGHTEN THE IMPACT ON THE POPULATION, E.G.
DIRECTING ASSISTANCE PROJECTS TOWARD AGRICULTURAL PRODUC-
TION AND FACILITATING THE DELIVERY OF ESSENTIAL FOOD AND
OTHER COMMODITIES.

-- AS A GENERAL APPROACH WE WILL MAKE THE LEVEL OF OUR
ASSISTANCE TO ZAIRE DEPENDENT ON ITS PERFORMANCE, NOTABLY
ITS IMPLEMENTATION OF ANNOUNCED REFORMS. WE BELIEVE THAT
IT WILL TAKE SIMILAR APPROACHES BY ZAIRE'S PRINCIPAL
FRIENDS TO PERSUADE PRESIDENT MOBUTU TO MAKE SIGNIFICANT
REFORMS.

-- OUR AIRLIFT SUPPORT FOR THE INTER-AFRICAN PEACEKEEPING
FORCE FOR SHABA IS AN INDICATION OF OUR CONCERN FOR SOVIET/
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CUBAN ACTIVITIES IN AFRICA.

-- HOWEVER, WE DO NOT SUPPORT THE LARGER CONCEPT OF A PAN-
AFRICAN INTERVENTION FORCE. SUCH A FORCE WOULD HAVE
DIFFICULTY GETTING THE APPROVAL OF THE OAU AND WOULD RUN
THE RISK OF DIVIDING THE CONTINENT ALONG "MODERATE" AND
"RADICAL" LINES. VANCE

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